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TIMBER CUTTINGS, 1969 TOTALS AND JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1970

Sawlogs cut in Louisiana for the year 1969 totaled 1,152,742,000 board feet, 9.3 percent more than the 1968 harvest and 21.3 percent more than the previous five-year average. Harvest for the first two months of 1970 ran 7.9 percent below that of a year ago but 13.3 percent greater than the 1964-68 average for the same months.

Pulpwood cut in 1969 totaled 2,731,021 cords. This volume is an increase of 18.7 percent over the previous year and 38.7 percent more than the 1963-67 average. Harvest of pulpwood so far this year is running 13.7 percent above a year ago this time and 54.3 percent more than the previous five-year average.

MARKET SUMMARY, FIRST QUARTER 1970

SAWLOGS. Sawlog prices were down from last quarter. Many mills reported an oversupply of logs and buying slow. Pine showed the sharpest decline with an average loss of \$3.50 per thousand board feet stumpage and \$5.00 delivered to mill basis. Except for pine, most species sold higher than the average for the same period a year ago.

POLES. All classes of 65, 70 and 75 poles ran from \$2.00-\$3.00 higher than the previous quarter's average. Prices for all others were generally unchanged.

PULPWOOD. Pulpwood prices held steady with last quarter's average. Pine stumpage ranged from \$4.00-\$5.00 per cord averaging \$4.60. Hardwood stumpage ran from \$1.00 for Oak up to \$2.50 with most purchases made at \$2.00. F.O.B. car prices averaged \$17.75 per cord for Pine and \$17.50 for Hardwood. Oak brought \$15.00 per cord in many instances. F.O.B. car prices at company operated wood yards are excluded from the averages.

WOOD CHIPS. Pine chips, F.O.B. sawmill, were priced from \$7.00-\$7.10 per ton at most mills while hardwood chips ranged from \$6.00 to \$7.00 for the most part.

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AVERAGE PRICES PAID TO LOUISIANA TIMBER PRODUCERS BY TYPES OF INDUSTRIES, JAN.-MAR., 1970

WITH COMPARISONS									
					STATE AVERAGE				
					JAN.-MAR. 1970		PREVIOUS QUARTER	SAME PERIOD	
					(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollar)	
1. (A) SAWLOGS (Stumpage)	1	2	3	4	5	1970	QUARTER	YEAR AG	
	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollar)	
Pine M.Bd.Ft.	45.45	1/	45.85	43.20	42.95	44.65	48.15	50.05	
Cypress "	28.35	38.60	24.40	1/	22.45	27.45	28.60	24.80	
Red Oak "	22.10	34.00	19.15	1/	20.80	22.70	23.65	21.50	
White Oak "	19.60	25.80	18.45	1/	18.15	20.05	21.40	19.70	
Sweet Gum "	20.10	29.00	20.05	1/	20.90	22.20	23.70	21.25	
Tupelo Gum "	20.10	27.80	20.70	1/	20.40	21.80	22.30	23.35	
Black Gum "	20.15	23.20	21.40	1/	17.40	20.55	22.05	21.35	
Willow "	1/	26.15	20.60	1/	21.00	23.00	24.95	19.00	
Ash "	25.35	43.30	24.40	1/	27.85	32.00	30.90	29.05	
Cottonwood "	1/	33.65	23.35	1/	24.85	27.80	27.35	26.20	
Mixed Hardwoods"	18.35	25.00	16.80	1/	23.95	21.25	21.05	18.40	
(B) SAWLOGS - (Delivered to Mill)									
Pine M.Bd.Ft.	65.35	1/	69.25	65.00	1/	66.55	71.60	71.95	
Cypress "	60.00	69.00	56.90	1/	55.00	58.85	58.10	53.75	
Red Oak "	48.10	62.80	49.50	55.00	52.50	52.65	53.20	49.05	
White Oak "	48.60	51.90	50.30	55.00	47.55	50.10	51.45	47.50	
Sweet Gum "	48.60	59.20	52.20	55.00	52.55	53.10	53.85	49.30	
Tupelo Gum "	48.95	57.70	53.70	55.00	52.70	53.05	54.45	51.15	
Black Gum "	51.50	52.50	56.40	55.00	49.60	52.65	53.10	49.60	
Willow "	1/	57.05	54.40	1/	52.35	55.15	56.40	50.75	
Ash "	55.85	74.10	59.40	1/	60.00	63.05	62.50	57.10	
Cottonwood "	1/	65.20	57.50	1/	56.00	59.90	58.90	55.40	
Mixed Hardwoods"	1/	53.75	51.65	57.10	54.95	49.20	52.50	48.25	
2. POLES, BARKY - FOB PLANT OR CONCENTRATION POINT - EACH -									
30-FT.									
CLASS 5.	3.70	1/	3.65	1/	1/	3.65	3.65	3.50	
6.	3.20	1/	3.20	1/	1/	3.20	3.25	3.10	
7.	2.70	1/	2.65	1/	1/	2.65	2.60	2.60	
35-FT.									
CLASS 4.	7.75	1/	7.60	1/	1/	7.60	7.50	7.60	
5.	7.55	1/	7.40	1/	1/	7.40	7.30	7.20	
6.	4.80	1/	4.90	1/	1/	4.80	4.70	4.70	
7.	3.50	1/	3.45	1/	1/	3.40	3.30	3.20	
40-FT.									
CLASS 4.	10.75	1/	10.60	1/	1/	10.75	10.60	10.90	
5.	9.90	1/	9.65	1/	1/	9.65	9.70	9.40	
6.	7.25	1/	7.15	1/	1/	7.20	7.35	7.10	
45-FT.									
CLASS 3.	12.90	1/	12.85	1/	1/	13.10	13.10	13.10	
4.	11.50	1/	11.60	1/	1/	11.50	11.45	11.40	
5.	9.60	1/	10.55	1/	1/	10.35	9.70	9.40	
50-FT.									
CLASS 2.	16.50	1/	16.65	1/	1/	16.45	16.50	17.30	
3.	15.50	1/	15.40	1/	1/	15.95	16.10	16.10	
4.	14.00	1/	13.85	1/	1/	13.80	13.80	13.70	
55-FT.									
CLASS 2.	25.10	1/	24.40	1/	1/	24.75	25.00	24.50	
3.	23.75	1/	22.50	1/	1/	23.65	23.55	23.50	
4.	17.25	1/	17.25	1/	1/	17.15	17.10	17.50	
60-FT.									
CLASS 2.	34.50	1/	34.00	1/	1/	34.15	33.55	33.40	
3.	31.25	1/	31.00	1/	1/	31.10	30.60	31.00	
65-FT.									
CLASS 2.	47.10	1/	47.30	1/	1/	47.30	45.00	46.20	
3.	43.00	1/	43.20	1/	1/	43.20	41.10	42.00	
70-FT.									
CLASS 2.	57.00	1/	57.20	1/	1/	57.20	54.75	55.60	
3.	53.10	1/	53.30	1/	1/	53.30	51.00	51.40	
75-FT.									
CLASS 2.	70.10	1/	70.30	1/	1/	70.30	66.90	67.50	
3.	63.10	1/	63.30	1/	1/	63.30	59.85	59.60	
3. PULPWOOD - (Cord) -									
Pine (Stumpg.)	4.75	4.50	4.55	4.40	1/	4.60	4.70	4.40	
Pine (FOB 'Car)	17.65	17.60	18.00	17.50	17.50	17.75	17.75	17.70	
Hardwood (Stumpg.)	1.75	2.00	1.80	1/	2.00	1.95	1.90	1.80	
Hardwood (FOB Car)	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	

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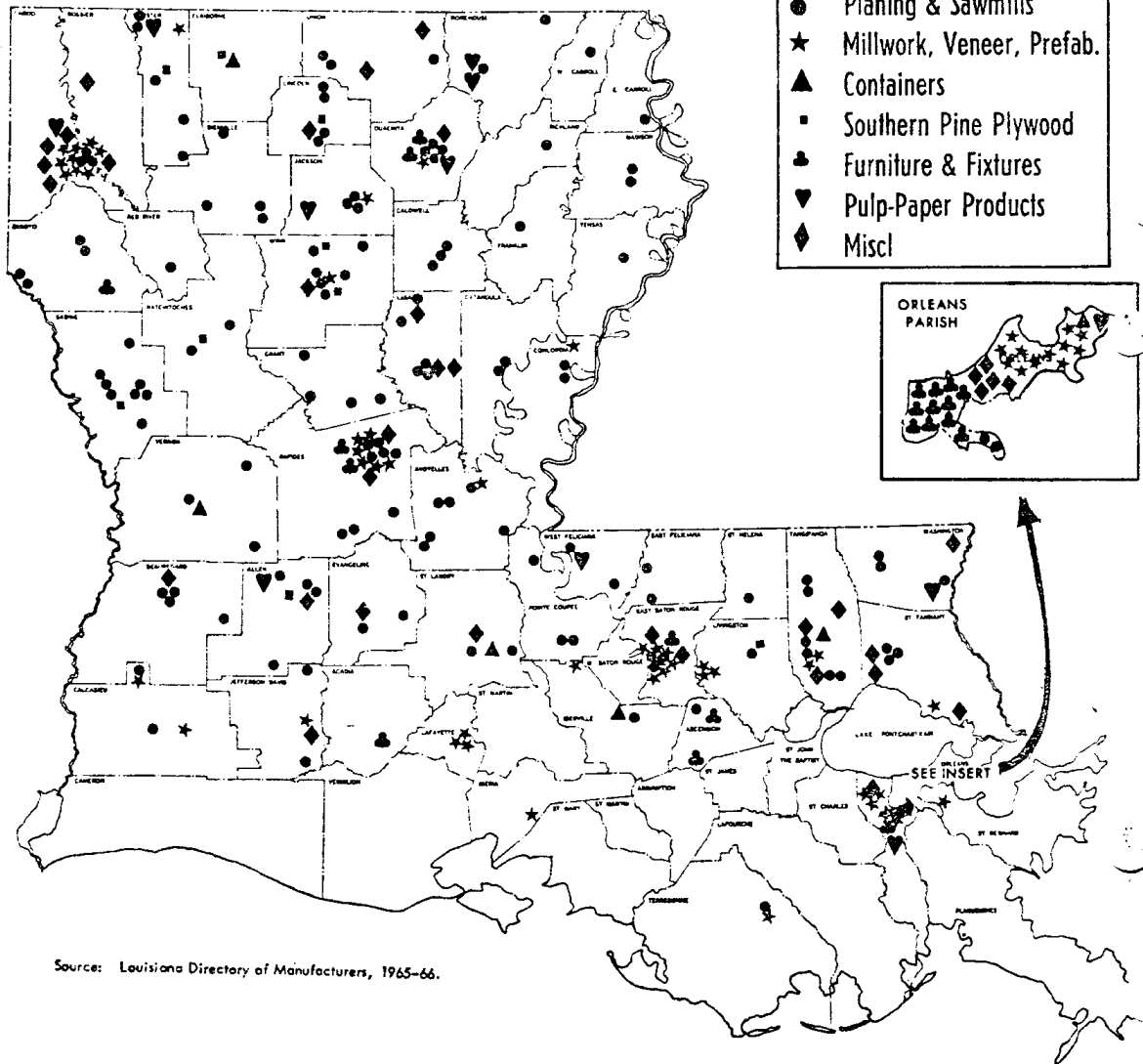
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